

CIRCUS FOLLOWER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Tries to Swallow Carbolic Acid, but Gets Only Small Dose.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MERCHANT

Enlarged Federal Building Will Soon Be Ready for Occupancy.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., February 17.

William, alias Tad, Smith attempted suicide to-night by swallowing carbolic acid. Smith, who is known as a follower of circus, went into Morrison's drug store, purchased a bottle of acid, and remarking that he was going to kill himself, put the bottle to his mouth. Before he could swallow much of the acid, Drug Clerk Hunter knocked the bottle out of his hand. A physician was summoned, and Smith, suffering intensely, was taken to the jail. Smith was just out of the hospital, having been there by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad to have a leg amputated, which was caused by being run over by a freight engine while asleep on the Seaboard Air Line track on the outskirts of Petersburg.

Sudden Death of a Merchant.
Eli Kull, aged seventy-four years, died very suddenly of heart disease shortly after 10 o'clock this morning in the office of his store on Old Street. He had been complaining for some time with heart trouble, and at the time of the fatal attack this morning was talking with an employee to whom he was about to turn over his business for the day, and into whose arms he fell. Mr. Kull was one of Petersburg's oldest merchants and most esteemed citizens. For a great many years he had been engaged in the iron, metal and hide business.

Another Worthy Citizen Dead.
James E. Johnson, fifty-six years of age, a most worthy man and citizen, died last night at his home on Commerce Street after a long period of feeble health. He was formerly engaged in business for himself, but in recent years had been employed as a harnessmaker at the store of the W. H. Harrison Company. He is survived by his wife and one son, J. A. Johnson, and two daughters, Misses Maude and Alpha Johnson, of this city; also by two brothers, Joseph R. and P. R. Johnson, of Petersburg.

Soon to Be Occupied.
The Federal building in this city, which for the last six months or more has been undergoing enlargement and improvement, is about completed, and is expected to be ready for occupancy by March 1. A large addition has been made to the building, giving greatly increased room to the post-office department on the first floor, the internal revenue and customs departments on the second floor, and office rooms on the third floor. Independent of the furniture, etc., the cost of this improvement was about \$62,000. All during the work of improvement the post-office has been located in inconvenient quarters in the old Centre Tobacco Warehouse building, at Washington and Union Streets. The general public, as well as the postal authorities, will rejoice at the reopening of the new building.

Miscellaneous News.
A fire occurred this afternoon in one of the outhouses of the Virginia Trunk

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and Bag Company, but it was extinguished with very slight damage.

Irvin Beale, well known in police circles, and a young man named James were arrested this morning on the charge of breaking into the old cotton factory building in Ettrick and stealing brasses to the value of about \$100. They will be turned over to the Chesterfield authorities.

Several handsome new pleasure motor boats have recently been purchased by citizens of Petersburg and placed on the Appomattox. There are some thirty or more of these boats owned in Petersburg.

In the Hustings Court to-day the trial of Junius A. Williamson, indicted for the murder of his wife by poison on June 2 last, was set for Wednesday of next week. The court denied a motion for change of venue.

Joseph Hill, negro, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary to-day, and Charles Lawson, negro, for one year, for stealing seven bags of Spanish peanuts from a car on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

In Washington yesterday Miss Janet G. Strachan, daughter of Mrs. Josephine A. Strachan, of this city, was married to Henry R. Goodwyn by Rev. R. T. Williams.

Deep Run Hunt and Reception.
The hunt and reception to be given by the Riverbank Club in honor of the Deep Run Club on Saturday will be events of great social interest. Those who will ride and their mounts are as follows: John A. Branon, on Rawley; Miss Elsie Lindsey, on Lady Nivola; Miss W. H. Graves, on Kingsman; Miss Warfield Crenshaw, on The Quaker; W. O. Young, M. F. H., on Overland; Mrs. Miller, on Winchester; Dr. J. W. White, on Iron Prince; Miss Gwendolyn Rutherford, on Black Beauty; Thomas Atkinson, on Perseus; Erskine Buford, on Squedunk; W. L. Gathright, on Barba Barker.

KEPT BONDS FROM REFERENCE.
Charges Against Prominent Mobile

Mobile, Ala., February 17.—Charles C. Dickens, worth half a million dollars, was found guilty to-night by a jury in the United States court, on the third count of an indictment, charging him with a violation of the United States bankruptcy laws, by concealing from the referee in bankruptcy, bonds to the value of \$50,000.

There is no fine in the case, and the court can sentence the man to two years imprisonment, but no more. Dickens is a former resident of Houston, Va., where he has wealthy relatives. He has been arrested for embezzlement, and served seven months in jail for contempt of the Chancery Court, by refusing to give a true account of his dead brother's estate.

W. C. T. U. ACTIVE IN NORFOLK.
Got Many Names to Petitions Favoring the Enabling Act.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., February 17.—Quietly

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but successfully the members of the W. C. T. U. organization of this section have within the last two or three days secured the names of hundreds of citizens to petitions asking the State Legislature to pass the present enabling act, allowing the citizens of the state to vote on the question of State-wide prohibition. The work was done without publicity of any kind, and was practically over before the matter became generally known. Few outside or known politicians have been asked to sign the petitions.

LAWYERS INDORSE PRENTIS.
Corporation Commission Chairman

Named for New Judgeship.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., February 17.—A petition is being circulated, and has been signed by a majority of the members of the Bar Association, indorsing of the Bar Association, indorsing of Judge Robert R. Prentiss, chairman of the State Corporation Commission, for appointment to the United States circuit judgeship for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of this State, which office is about to be created by Congress. It is expected that at some time the petition will be presented to President Taft.

Others whose names are mentioned in connection with the position are Judge Edmund Waddill, of the United States Court for the Eastern District of Virginia; Judge McDowell, of the United States Court for the Western District of Virginia; Judge E. C. Carson, of Riverton, now a judge in the Philippine Islands, and Mr. Rose, a well-known Baltimore attorney.

COMMITTEE NOT PACKED.
Board of Trade President Denounces

Criticism of His Selection.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., February 17.—In an interview this morning, President W. T. Anderson, of the Board of Trade, denounces a false and unfair attempt to represent the board at the oyster hearing in Richmond last night. On the other hand, Mr. Anderson declares that the committee he named was approved by all parties concerned, and that the entire trouble emanates from the fact that the proposed men of the committee there has been a falling out among the local packers, due to the fact that some are injured and others helped by the proposed changes in the lines of the Baylor survey.

Mr. Anderson declares that the effort to reflect on the board is unjustified, and that he does not propose to stand for it. As an indication of the fairness he observed in the naming of the committee, Mr. Anderson refers to its personnel, as follows: Messrs. Nyenheilm, McNeal, Chase, Pilcher and Sargeant.

Kidd Case Set for Wednesday.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Pa., February 17.—The trial of Monroe Kidd, colored, for the murder of Shakespeare Goodie, also colored, will come up in the Circuit Court next Wednesday, and the police are endeavoring to ascertain something of the cause or causes which led to the shooting.

New Oil Company Organized.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Salisbury, N. C., February 17.—Stock amounting to \$15,000 has been subscribed to the Arroy Oil and Fertilizer Company, which will be formally organized in Salisbury next week. The concern will manufacture oils and by-products from cotton seed. A plant covering one acre of ground will be erected at once and will be in charge of John A. Sessamon, of Dunn, N. C., who is a man of wide experience in this line.

To Arrange for Firemen.
Alexandria, Va., February 17.—The three committees from the various fire engine companies will hold a joint meeting Monday night next, at which time arrangements will be made for entertaining the delegates and visitors who will attend the State Firemen's Convention, which will be held here the latter part of August.

Printing Company Organized.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Altavista, Va., February 17.—The Altavista Printing Company has just been organized with a capital stock of \$10,000 maximum and \$4,000 minimum. The purpose is to publish the Altavista Journal, now printed by a firm in North Carolina, and to do a general printing and publishing business.

Circuit Court Adjourns.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Amherst, Va., February 17.—Judge Bennett F. Gordon adjourned the February term of the Amherst Circuit Court, the court only having been in session since Monday. No jury cases of any kind were tried at this term, although some law orders and a number of chancery decrees were entered.

To Equip Fire Department.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Falls Church, Va., February 17.—The Town Council at its monthly meeting decided to thoroughly equip the Fire Department with new and up-to-date paraphernalia, and elected E. A. Kimball, chief of the department. The question of better lighting for the town was also considered.

Barn and Contents Burned.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., February 17.—A large barn, belonging to C. H. Pierson, of upper Carolina county, and containing from this city, with contents of farming implements and grain, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$6,000, with insurance of \$1,500. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Residence Destroyed by Fire.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Boydton, Va., February 17.—Andrew Blam, living near Swenson, about ten miles southeast of this place, had his dwelling and much of his furniture destroyed by fire about 12 o'clock last night. There was an insurance of \$1,700 on the building, and \$300 on the furniture.

Boy Injured in Tumble.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Woodstock, Va., February 17.—Boyd Miller, a student at Massanutten Academy, was pushed through a window in a physical tussle, and his right arm, vein in his neck was severed. He is most likely to die before medical assistance could be secured. He lives near Staunton.

SELWYN TOPPING KILLS HIMSELF

Not Known Whether Death Was Due to Accident or Suicide.

NEW CAMP W. O. W. FORMED

Fishermen Along Chesapeake Bay Organize Benefit Association.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Hampton, Va., February 17.—Selwyn Topping, the son of Benjamin Topping, a York county farmer, shot and killed himself in the yard of his father's home in Poquoson yesterday afternoon. It is not positively known whether the youth's death was due to an accident or suicide. Mr. Topping heard the report of the gun, and running from the barn to the yard, found his son dying from a terrible gunshot wound over the left breast. The shot had passed in at the upper part of the heart, tearing away the lung and passing out of the shoulder. Mr. Topping disbelieved that the slain was accidentally disarmed, as there was no reason for the boy to end his own life.

A number of the men in Fox Hill met last night and organized the Fox Hill Camp, No. 120, Woodmen of the World. The officers elected are: Consul, Consul, David Johnson, Advisory, Samuel Dunville; Banker, Frank Lewis; Clerk, W. H. Copeland; Escort, A. L. Dixon; Watchman, Robert Elliott; Sentry, W. E. Smith; Managers—Elijah Wallace, T. B. Bloom and W. T. Wallace.

Fishermen Form Organization.
The Fox Hill Fishermen's Benefit Association, which has as its object the furtherance of matters of interest to fishermen along the Chesapeake Bay, has been organized among the men who make their living from the waters. The officers for the first year are: G. I. Johnson, president; David Johnson, secretary, and H. L. Horton, treasurer. The association expects to ask for a charter of incorporation from the Virginia Corporation Commission.

John Bradley and Leonard Bradley returned to-day from Washington, where they were called to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley, who was eighty-seven years of age.

William E. Knewstap, who has been visiting his sister here, has returned to Richmond to resume his studies in the Medical College of Virginia.

George Hess, a jeweler here, and Miss Oetle L. Fraser left this morning for Norfolk, where they were married this afternoon by Rev. Carter Askton Jenkins, pastor of the Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church.

Mrs. Cora Lee Haggard, of Philadelphia, came here to-day and met her brother-in-law, Joseph White Haggard, a machinist in the Newport News Shipyard, and this afternoon the couple were married by Rev. George W. Wray, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Claude Smith, a young farmer of

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SPECIAL MASTER REPORTS.
Organization of N. & S. Railway Investigated by Court's Order.

Norfolk, Va., February 17.—There was no "inequality of distribution" in the \$14,000,000 of Norfolk and Southern bonds outstanding that Edward Street & Co., of New York, have received back voluntarily and now stand according to the report filed to-day by W. W. Old, appointed by Federal Judge Waddill as special master to report on alleged irregularities in the original organization of the Norfolk and Southern Railway. He declared also that the payments by the receivers of \$500,000 to H. H. Haysner, a prominent Norfolk business man, by granting the wife's petition, with permanent alimony of \$75 a month. This is just such a case that the proposed divorce legislation now being fought in the Virginia Legislature would directly affect. Under present Virginia laws it is optional with the plaintiff only whether, after three years, application shall be made for permanent divorce with privilege of remarriage. Proposed changes would give the defendant similar rights.

GRANTS WIFE'S PETITION.
Mrs. Jennie Hayner Gets Divorce, With Alimony of \$75 a Month.

Norfolk, Va., February 17.—Judge Martin to-day decided the hotly contested divorce action of Mrs. Jennie E. Hayner, now of Allentown, Pa., against Thomas H. Hayner, a prominent Norfolk business man, by granting the wife's petition, with permanent alimony of \$75 a month. This is just such a case that the proposed divorce legislation now being fought in the Virginia Legislature would directly affect. Under present Virginia laws it is optional with the plaintiff only whether, after three years, application shall be made for permanent divorce with privilege of remarriage. Proposed changes would give the defendant similar rights.

TO RECUPERATE IN FLORIDA.
Senator Daniel Leaves to Spend Month in "Land of the Flowers."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., February 17.—Senator John W. Daniel, who has been kept away from Washington this winter by his physician, left his home here to-night for Florida, to spend a month recuperating. He will decide upon his stopping place after reaching Florida.

His nephew and clerk, Warwick Halsey, accompanied him. Major Daniel, although improved greatly, has been kept from his duties at Washington by reason of an attack of pneumonia in Philadelphia four months ago.

New Postmaster at West Point.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] West Point, Va., February 17.—John S. de Farges has been appointed postmaster to succeed the incumbent, Hansford Anderson. The news was received on Wednesday by telegram from Washington, D. C., but was not given out until to-day. Brandt de Farges, son of Mr. de Farges, who had a position in Washington, will be assistant postmaster.

Called to Lynchburg Parish.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., February 17.—Rev. Wallace G. Collins, chaplain of Sweetbrier Institute, who recently accepted the call to the pastorate of St. Paul's Episcopal Church here, having withdrawn his acceptance because of his health, a committee, headed by Bishop Tucker, went to Suffolk to-night to meet Rev. Joseph B. Dunn to tender him a call to come to this parish.

Fever Causes Schools to Close.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Woodstock, Va., February 17.—The high and graded schools here are closed, the trustees fearing an epidemic of scarlet fever, there being a number of cases among the school children.

RELEASED FROM CONTRACT.
Award to Louisville Firm Turned Over to Roanoke Company.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Roanoke, Va., February 17.—When big contracts were awarded a few days ago by the Norfolk and Western Railway for the construction of several miles of dollars' worth of double tracking, siding and tunnels, one of the contracts, calling for three miles of double track and the construction of several tunnels east of Huger, was awarded to J. R. Serpell & Son, of Louisville, Ky.

To-day the Norfolk and Western received a communication from Serpell & Son, saying that conditions with them are such as to make it impossible for them to undertake the work, and asking that they be released from their obligation arising from their bid. Serpell & Son's contract was turned over to Carpenter & Boyley, of Roanoke.

In the original award Carpenter & Boyley were given a contract for three and a half miles of double track west of Warrenton, Va. The total value of contracts awarded Roanoke firms is over \$1,500,000.

home of J. W. Gunter, Twenty-eighth Street, near West Avenue, this morning about 5 o'clock. Mr. Gunter and his wife were awakened while the man was in their room smoking a cigarette.

When Gunter started from his bed, the burglar ran out of the room, disappeared through a window he had entered, and escaped in the darkness. The police bloodhounds were put on the trail in less than an hour, and followed it to the Chesapeake and Ohio passenger station. There the trail was lost, and it is supposed that the man boarded a train for Richmond.

Killed by Train.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Roanoke, Va., February 17.—An unknown white man was hit and killed by a Norfolk and Western train near Emiz, W. Va., last night. He was walking on the tracks when he met his death.

Fire in Woolen Mill.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Winston-Salem, N. C., February 17.—The interior of the Arista woolen mill, owned by F. and H. Fries, was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars this evening, by fire and water, the fire starting in the carding-room.

Raleigh Wants Statue of Johnson.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., February 17.—The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce adopted

a resolution last night calling upon Congressman Pou, of this district, and Senators Simmons and Overman to use their best efforts to induce Congress to provide for a statue of President Andrew Johnson, native of Raleigh, to be set up in the government park, west of the post-office building.

Cox Jury Discharged.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Newport News, Va., February 17.—Hopelessly disagreed, the jury in the case of Councilman Ernest Cox, indicted for violating the election law, was discharged to-day. Cox will be tried on another indictment that is pending against him.

Hampton Man Honored.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Boston, Mass., February 17.—G. S. Phenix, of Hampton, Va., was to-day elected treasurer of the Phillips Brooks House Association at Harvard University. Mr. Phenix will serve until the middle of next year. There was no candidate in the field against the Virginian, Mr. Phenix being the unanimous choice for the post.

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